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Fyi, press release from RRC yesterday.

## Railroad Commission Names New Oil and Gas Division Director

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AUSTIN – The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) has named Lori Wrotenbery Director of the Commission's Oil and Gas Division. She holds a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Texas and a law degree from Harvard University.

Prior to joining the RRC, Wrotenbery served as Director of Administration for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) since 2012. Wrotenbery joined the OCC in 2004 as Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Division. Wrotenbery also previously served as Deputy Director and Assistant Director for Environmental Services in the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas, as well as in various leadership roles for the Oil Conservation Commission in New Mexico. She also has served as president and a member of the Ground Water Protection Council and was a founding member of STRONGER (State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations, Inc.).

"I am pleased to welcome Lori back to the Railroad Commission to lead our Oil and Gas Division at this exciting and critical time in our state's energy history, and future," said Chairman Christi Craddick. "Her knowledge and many years of experience will ensure that the Commission continues to protect the people and natural resources of our state, while maintaining a regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and prosperity for all Texans."

Commissioner David Porter said, "We are fortunate to bring someone with Lori's depth and breadth of experience to the Railroad Commission. Her previous service to the Commission means she will hit the ground running and provide a steady regulatory hand the people of Texas and the energy industry can rely on for protection and guidance."

Commissioner Ryan Sitton said, "Texans deserve the very best people we can find to protect our citizens and natural resources, and Lori is among the best energy regulators in the nation. She has dedicated her professional life to ensuring the energy industry can operate successfully without compromising on the safety of the people she serves or the environment she protects."

The Commission, through its Oil and Gas Division, regulates the exploration, production, and transportation of oil and natural gas in Texas. The Commission's statutory role is to (1) prevent waste of the state's natural resources, (2) to protect the correlative rights of different mineral interest owners, (3) to prevent pollution, and (4) to provide safety in matters such as hydrogen sulfide. The division accomplishes these goals by permitting and reporting requirements; by field inspections, testing programs and monitoring industry activities in the field; and through programs to plug abandoned wells and remediate abandoned oilfield sites through the use of fees paid by industry. The Commission's Oil and Gas Division is headquartered in Austin, Texas with nine district offices throughout the state.

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### **About the Railroad Commission**

*Established in 1891, the Railroad Commission of Texas is the oldest regulatory agency in the state. The Commission has a long and proud history of service to both Texas and to the nation, including more than 90 years regulating the oil and gas industry. Additionally, the Commission promotes research and education on the use of alternative fuels and has jurisdiction over gas utility, surface mining and pipeline industries. Our mission is to serve Texas by our stewardship of natural resources and the environment, our concern for personal and community safety, and our support of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans. To learn more, please visit <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/>.*